



BURNS INTERAGENCY FIRE ZONE

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BURNS INTERAGENCY FIRE ZONE TO OFFER ANNUAL REFRESHER TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

HINES, Oregon – The Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ) has scheduled the annual Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration/Act (OSHA) Fire Training, Annual Fire Refresher, and Fire Shelter Deployment Refresher courses for emergency equipment operators.

The training will be offered one day only, on Saturday, May 12 at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office at 28910 Hwy 20 West in Hines. Those interested in attending should call the Burns Interagency Communication Center (BICC) at (541) 573-4545 as soon as possible to sign up. Participation is limited to the first 60 people. The Fire Refresher and Fire Shelter training will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, while the Oregon OSHA training, which is required for any individual who plans on working in the woods, will follow afterward from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. If you have proof that you have taken the Oregon OSHA Fire Training, it is not necessary to repeat it at this time. All classes are provided at no cost.

Annual Fire Shelter Deployment and Fire Refresher courses are mandatory for all people who might go to the fire line, regardless if they have previously completed the course. Any individual who plans on providing services under an emergency equipment rental agreement, such as dozers or water tenders, or who may be hired on an emergency basis, such as fallers or truck drivers, must attend the May 12 session to meet the requirements for the 2007 fire season. Completion of the course provides certification for a 1-year period.

If you are planning to be an emergency hire, you will need to bring State issued picture identification and your social security card to the training in order to fill out an Employment Eligibility Verification, or Form I-9. If a company providing equipment such as dozers employs you, you will not need to fill out an I-9.

The annual refresher training is not intended for contractor employees or those employed by businesses engaged in the Region 6 Engine and Tender Contract, Oregon Department of Forestry Crew Contract or National Engine and Crew Contracts.

Individuals interested in signing up equipment for emergency use are encouraged to do so preseason. For information on the 2007 Emergency Equipment Rental agreements, contact the Malheur National Forest Supervisor's Office at (541) 575-3104.

For more on the BIFZ annual training, or to sign-up, contact the BICC at (541) 573-4545.





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